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Re: Distributed Generation Interconnection Draft Documents

Dear Mr. Iannello:

The Midwest Cogeneration Association (MCA) appreciates the opportunity to offer comments on the Interconnection of Distributed Generation to the electric distribution system. Founded in 1988, the MCA membership includes users of distributed generation systems, as well as professionals representing all aspects of the industry. The MCA's goal is to promote cogeneration and other forms of distributed generation, through education and advocacy. Although the MCA has not had an opportunity to fully review the detailed comments and proposals offered by the Gas Technology Institute (GTI) and other industry participants, MCA strongly supports the general principals set out in their comments. The MCA urges the Commission to adopt a rule that:

- Minimizes the time and cost of completing the interconnection process;
- Reduces the complexity of the process;
- Establishes technical requirements and standard designs that will promote the safe and reliable parallel operation of Distributed Generation equipment; and
- Establishes impartial methods to address conflicts relating to the interconnection process.

The MCA looks forward to the opportunity of providing more detailed comments and otherwise participating in the process outlined in your memorandum of December 31, 2003. Adoption of a rule that facilitates interconnection will allow more electric consumers in Illinois to enjoy the economic and efficiency benefits of cogeneration and other forms of distributed generation.

Very truly yours,

MIDWEST COGENERATION ASSOCIATION

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